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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

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1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO MARCH 16TH, AMBASSADOR INDICATED POSSIBLE SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE MIGHT INCLUDE FOR APRIL 14: ARRIVAL CEREMONIES, VISIT TO AMERICAN CEMETARY AND MEMORIAL, CALL AT PALACE ON MARCOS, AND STATE DINNER; AND FOR APRIL 15; FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION WITH MARCOS, CALL AT ADB, VISIT TO CORREGIDOR AND SIGNING OF AID AGREEMENTS. SCHEDULING ALONG THESE LINES SEEMED AGREEABLE TO MARCOS WHO COMMENTED ONLY THAT FOR APRIL 15 TRIP TO CORREGIDOR, HELICOPTERS MIGHT LEAVE ABOUT EIGHT A.M., ALLOW TWO HOURS ON THE ISLAND AND BE BACK FOR TEN-THIRTY MEETING AT PALACE WITH HIM. MARCOS OFFERED MAKE AVAILABLE PHILIPPINE HELICOPTERS IF THE VICE PRESIDENT WISHED. MARCOS ALSO SUGGESTED SIGNING ALL THREE AID LOANS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AS REPORTED REFTEL A.

2. DCM FOLLOWED UP MARCH 17 WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ WHO WILL MANAGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. DCM GAVE GONZALEZ OUTLINE OF POSSIBLE PROGRAM AS DISCUSSED BY AMBASSADOR WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS. FOR APRIL 14, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GONZALEZ ENVISAGED PRESS SESSION FOLLOWING MEETING AT PALACE TO ENTAIL COMMENTS BY PRINCIPALS BUT NO Q'S AND A'S. GONZALEZ SAID THAT WREATH LAYING AT RIZAL NATIONAL MONUMENT COULD BE PERFORMED APRIL 15.

3. GONZALEZ WAS ATTRACTED BY ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITY FOR APRIL 15 OF PRESIDENT ACCOMPANYING VICE PRESIDENT ON TRIP

TO CORREGIDOR DPARTING, AFTER LATTER'S CALL AT ADB, FROM PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER HELIOPAD ABOUT 9:30, DEPLANNING ON CORREGIDOR LOWER AREA AND TOURING MALINTA TUNNEL, AND RETURNING TO MANILA VIA PRESIDENTIAL YACHT WITH LUNCH AND DISCUSSIONS ABOARD AND MOTORCADE DIRECT FROM DOCK-SIDE TO AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE. GONZALEZ SAID HE WOULD PREPARE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS FOR OUR REVIEW MARCH 21 AND HIS SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT MARCOS WITH OUR REACTION.

4. GONZALEZ ASKED ABOUT SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PARTY AND WHERE IT WOULD STAY. DCM RESPONDED WE DO NOT YET HAVE LIST BUT VICE PRESIDENT DEFINITELY PREFERS TO STAY AT HOTELS. GONZALEZ ASKED IF VICE PRESIDENT HAD ACCEPTED GOP INVITATION (REF B). NORMALLY OFFICIAL GUESTS STAY AT PALACE GUEST HOUSE AND THIS IS WHAT MRS. MARCOS PREFERS, GONZALEZ SAID. IF VICE PRESIDENT WISHES TO STAY IN HOTEL, HE ADDED, MRS. MARCOS WOULD UNDERSTAND, BUT THE GOP WOULD INSIST UPON PAYING HOTEL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY. DCM SAID RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE MANILA HOTEL.

5. GONZALEZ INDICATED THAT AIRPORT RECEPTION AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES WOULD BE WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS AND THE PALACE WOULD PROVIDE LIMOUSINE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT. DCM NOTED VICE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE ARRIVAL STATEMENT PER REF C. GONZALEZ ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE OR DEPARTURE STATEMENT?
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6. DCM SAID VICE PRESIDENT WOULD MUCH PREFER TO MINIMIZE EXCHANGE OF GIFTS, IN SCOPE AND NUMBER. GONZALEZ INDICATED GOP WOULD PROVIDE SOME GIFTS OF MODEST DIMENSIONS. THE GIFT EXCHANGE WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE PALACE APRIL 14 BEFORE DINNER. DCM MENTIONED VICE PRESIDENT HAS STRONG PREFERENCE AGAINST BLACK TIE DRESS.

7. GONZALEZ EXPRESSED DEFINITE WISH THAT THREE AID AGREEMENTS BE SIGNED ABOARD YACHT APRIL 15 AND NOTED THAT PRESS POOL INCLUDING FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE ARRANGED.

8. GONZALEZ REQUESTED BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. MONDALE AND SON TED INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS AND COMMENTS ON LIKES AND DISLIKES. ALSO ASKED FOR BLOOD TYPES WHICH DCM PROVIDED FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE.

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9. DCM ADVISED GONZALEZ OF SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF SECRET SERVICE PARTIES APRIL 6 AND 9 AND OBTAINED HIS AGREEMENT TO DIRECT EMBASSY FUNCTIONAL LIAISON WITH GOP SECURITY, AIRCRAFT AND OTHERS FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

10. GONZALEZ SOLICITED OUR VIEWS CONCERNING SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MRS. MONDALE. GONZALEZ IS THINKING ALONG LINES OF SEPARATE PROGRAM BEGINNING AFTER ARRIVAL CEREMONIES, POSSIBLY IN COMPANY WITH MRS. MARCOS. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD SEEK SEPARATE VISIT TO CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERIES, COLLECTION IN MANILA HOME OF ARCHITECT LOCSIN OR TO PHILIPPINE CONTEMPORARY AND ANTIQUE ORIENTAL CERAMIC EXHIBITION. FOR APRIL 15, GONZALEZ HAS IN MIND STOP AT ORCHID GARDEN, VISIT TO MUSEUM OF PHILIPPINE ART TO SEE CONTEMPORARY PHILIPPINE PAINTINGS AND MEET WITH ARTISTS, OTHER CULTURAL AND RELATED MEDIA PERSONAGES.

11. MRS. NEWSOM, WHO SPOKE WITH BESS ABELL, HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO MEET WITH MRS. MARCOS TO CONVEY DIRECTLY MRS. MONDALE'S WISHES. FOR PRESENT WE ARE MAKING NO COMMITMENTS REGARDING MRS. MONDALE'S PROGRAM PENDING EITHER MRS. NEWSOM'S MEETING WITH MRS. MARCOS OR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.

12. GONZALEZ ALSO ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR TED MONDALE, INCLUDING VISIT TO OLD FORT SANTIAGO
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NEAR HOTEL, A DISCO EVENING PERHAPS IN COMPANY OF PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER IRENE.

13. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION ASAP OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE BETWEEN HELICOPTER ROUND-TRIP TO CORREGIDOR AND ALTERNATIVE HELICOPTER/PRESIDENTIAL YACHT VARIATION. WE BELIEVE LATTER LIKELY TO PROVE MORE TIME EFFECTIVE AND CONGENIAL PACKAGE. IN EITHER CASE, HOW DO WE RESPOND TO GONZALEZ SUGGESTION THAT VICE PRESIDENT USE PRESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER (DOUBLE ENGINE)?

B. BELIEVE WE SHOULD REPLY SOONEST BY EMBASSY NOTE TO DFA ACCEPTING GOP INVITATION TO VICE PRESIDENT. PLEASE AUTHORIZE.

C. WOULD APPRECIATE BIO DATA AND PHOTOS, FOR VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. MONDALE AND SON TED, TED'S BLOOD TYPE AND ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US AT THIS STAGE ABOUT COMPOSITION OF OFFICIAL PARTY.

D. BELIEVE NOW WOULD BE MOST TIMELY JUNCTURE TO REGISTER MRS. MONDALE'S PROGRAM PREFERENCES. TO DEGREE SAME APPLIES TO POSSIBLE SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR TED.
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